2276 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th December, 1993 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not yet received the decision of the concerned Administrative Ministry for redressal of the grievances of handicapped employees in PSUs ;

(b) whether certain PSUs have been dragging the handicapped employees in court case without giving them the sympathits, as they might be deserving ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) what further steps would be taken to resolve such disputes even outside the courts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) to (d) The redressal grievances of employees of the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) including handicapped employees falls within the administrative ambit of the concerned PSU. If any complaint is received in the Ministry of Welfare the same forwarded to the concerned administrative Ministry/Deptt. for remedial action.

**Central scheme for assistance to voluntary Organisations**

5207. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any Central Scheme for providing assistance to voluntary Organisations engaged in serving persons with cerebral Palsy and Mental Retardation for manpower development ; and

(b) if so, the retails thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the Scheme, assistance is given to voluntary organisations for manpower development in the field of Cerebral Palsy and Mental Retardation to the extent of 100 per cent. Assistance is given only to those teachers training courses which are recognised by Rehabilitation Council of India. The applications are considered for grant on being recommended by the concerned State Governments/ UTs. In the year 1993-94, 10 voluntary organisations were assisted with Rs. 30 lakhs.

**District Rehabilitation Scheme**

5208. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government had launched the District Rehabilitation Scheme in early 1985 for providing a package of rehabilitation services to the rural disabled ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made in this Scheme so far, including the names of the States in which the scheme is under implementation and the number of Districts covered under the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) Yes Sir,

(b) There are 11 District Rehabilitation Centres working in 10 States. The scheme envisages services to locomotor disabled speech & hearing impaired, visually impaired, mentally handicapped and multiple handicapped persons. The Services provided under the Scheme are placed as statement-I (*See* below). Apartfrom that there are 4 Regional Rehabilitation Training Centres (RRTCs) in Lucknow, Madras, Cuttack and Bombay to provide technical support to the District Rehabilitation Centres in the area of trained professional manpower, paramedical and field workers.

(c) The progress made so far under the scheme is placed as statement-II and statemest-III

**Statement-I**

*Services provided to the handicapped persons under the District Rehabilitation Centre Scheme.*

(a) Prevention and Early Detection ;

(b) Medical Intervention and Surgical Correction ;

(c) Fitment of Artificial Aids and Appliances ;

(d) Therapeutical Services such as Physio Therapy, Speech Therapy and Occupational Therapy ;

(e) Provision of Educational Services in Special and Integrated Schools ;

(f) Provision of Training for Acquisition of skills through Vocational Training, Job Placement in local Industries and Trades with proper linkages with on-going Training and Employment programmes ;

(g) Provision of Self Employment opportunities and Bank loans ;

(h) Establishing a meaningful linkage with existing Government Schemes such as Disability/Old age pension, Scholarship, etc. ; and

(i) Creation of awareness, involvement of the Community and Family Counselling.

**Statement-II**

*Progressive Report of Eleven DRCs*
*(Since Inception to Dec., 93)*

| Name of the DRC | Date of Inception | No. of Assessment Clinics conducted | No. of Disabled Evaluated | No. of Disabled Served |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Vijaywada (A.P.) | July, 1986 | 437 | 5521 | 3505 |
| Bhiwani (Haryana) | January, 1986 | 947 | 11391 | 4340 |
| Mysore (Karnataka) | January, 1985 (Started as Rural Project in 1983) | 1185 | 18771 | 7240 |
| Bilaspur (M.P.) | February, 1986 | 831 | 10183 | 3994 |
| Virar (Maharashtra) | 1985 (Started as Rural project in 1983) | 1732 | 14146 | 5768 |
| Bhubaneshwar (Orissa) | January, 1985 (Started as Rural Project in 1983) | 964 | 12406 | 6254 |
| Kota (Rajasthan) | March, 1986 | 665 | 17695 | 11085 |
| Chengalpattu (T. Nadu) | 1985 | 877 | 9928 | 6551 |
| Jagdishpur (U.P.) | December, 1988 | 598 | 10985 | 2683 |
| Sitapur (U.P.) | April, 1985 | 1692 | 17687 | 13357 |
| Kharagpur (West Bengal) | 1985 (Started as Rural Project in 1983) | 1588 | 14757 | 7015 |

**Statement -III**

*Numbers of persons trained by four regional rehabilitation training Centers (Since Inception to Dec., 93)*

| Name of the RRTC | Village Rehab. Workers (VRWs) | Field Functionaries of DRCs i.e. MRAs, MR Tech. MR Therapists (Upto April 91) | Instructors of Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) (May 91 to Dec. 93) | Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) May, 91) to Dec., 93) | Others like SOs, ANMs etc. (May, 91 to Dec., 93) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bombay | 622 | 52 | 98 | 2716 | 935 |
| Lucknow | 315 | 12 | 113 | 4351 | 1307 |
| Cuttack | 742 | 57 | 81 | 5363 | 405 |
| Madras | 610 | 45 | 118 | 2918 | 1056 |
| Total : | 2289 | 166 | 410 | 15348 | 3703 |

**Modernisation of ALIMCO**

5209. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) is manufacturing artificial limbs and rehabilitation aids of standard quality;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Corporation is incurring cash losses every year in addition to its accumulated losses;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps Government propose to take in this regard;

(d) whether Government have any proposal for modernisation of the Corporation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Yes, Madam.

(c) The details are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(d) Yes, Madam.

(e) One Crore was released for modernisation of ALIMCO by the Government during 1992-93 & 1993-94. The funds were for replacing old and obsolete machinery by advanced technology, for creating new production facilities to meet the market demands and for computerisation of office for men and material management.

**Statement**

| | Upto 31 st March, 93 | Provisional for 1993-94 (up to Feb. 94) | Total (Rupees in lakhs) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Losses on a/c of interest on loans & depreciations | 1298.69 | 179.72 | 1478.41 |
| Cash losses | 1423.41 | 57.26 | 1480.67 |
| Total accumulated losses | 2722.10 | 236.98 | 2959.03 |